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**FORMER BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR**  
**PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING AND RECEIVING IMAGES**  
**OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

*Agrees to 87-month prison term and payment of \$5,000 to  
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children*

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MICHAEL SHAWN CAREATTI, 38, of Bakersfield, California pleaded guilty before the Honorable Oliver W. Wanger to one count of distributing and receiving visual depictions of the sexual exploitation of minors.

The case was investigated by FBI agents in the Baltimore, Bakersfield, and Fresno offices.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who is prosecuting the case, CAREATTI admitted as part of a plea agreement that on April 22, 2003, he operated a file server program on a computer that allowed users around the world to upload and download images of the sexual exploitation of minors. Users who uploaded images received credits that allowed them to take images from CAREATTI'S computer. The distribution involved material depicting prepubescent minors as well as images of minors engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct or other violence. In addition to a prison term of 87 months, and a supervised release term of three years, CAREATTI agreed to make a payment of \$5,000 to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia.

The case began when agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of its "Innocent Images" initiative, discovered a file-server program being operated by someone using the name "Marmmm88." Agents were able to download 22 still images and one video file. The images depicted young boys engaged in explicit sexual activities with themselves and other persons, including adults. Agents traced the file-server program to an address for a business named EntreSoft. The manager of the building at which the business operated told agents that CAREATTI was evicted and that she, the manager, discovered pictures of "naked children" within the previously occupied premises. Further investigation revealed that CAREATTI was employed by the Boy Scouts of America and, at the time of his arrest, was

working as a Scout Handler assigned to Camp Kern in Lakeshore, California. CAREATTI was previously the camp director.

CAREATTI will be sentenced on July 31, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. He faces a maximum prison term of 20 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a three-year term of supervised release. Because the offense to which CAREATTI pleaded guilty is a crime of violence under federal statutes, he was ordered remanded into custody upon pleading guilty.

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